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# News Release

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**Results** of a recent survey are contained in this release. You can also find it on our site at [www.nass.usda.gov/pa/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/pa/) and click on the Pennsylvania Publications link.

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## Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 1.3 percent from May 2009

HARRISBURG, PA, June 18, 2010- - Milk production in Pennsylvania during May 2010 totaled 947 million pounds, 1.3 percent above last May's production of 935 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 541,000 head, the same as April of this year and down 6,000 head from May a year ago.

Production per cow averaged 1,750 pounds in May, 40 pounds more than April's production per cow of 1,710 pounds. This is also 40 pounds more per cow than May 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major states during May 2010 totaled 15.7 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from May 2009. April revised production, at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from April 2009. The April revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,889 pounds for May. This is 55 pounds above May 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.33 million head, 143,000 head less than May 2009, but 4,000 head more than April 2010.

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	May 2009	April 2010	May 2010
Milk Cows .....	Thous.	547	541	541	8,475	8,328	8,332
Milk Per Cow .....	Lbs.	1,710	1,710	1,750	1,834	1,824	1,889
Milk Production .....	Mil. Lbs.	935	925	947	15,541	15,192	15,741

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## **You May Now Complete This Survey on the Internet!**

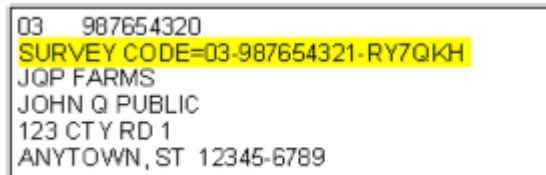
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### Instructions:

1. The survey may be completed on-line between the dates of **June 23<sup>th</sup>** and **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. USDA/NASS will begin telephoning those operations who have not yet responded via mail or internet beginning **July 6<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Using your Web browser (e.g., Internet Explorer or Netscape), go to: [www.agcounts.usda.gov](http://www.agcounts.usda.gov). When the page loads, a security warning message will appear. After you have read the message click on **Continue**.



3. Enter your **SURVEY CODE** from the second line of the mailing label on the questionnaire. This code appears above your name and address.



Sample mailing label

4. When filling out your survey, use the mouse or the Tab key to navigate.

**Warning: Using the Enter key may prematurely submit incomplete information.**

If you need assistance completing your Internet questionnaire, please call (800) 498-1518 during normal business hours.

**If you choose not to report electronically, you may submit your report via mail or fax. It does not matter the method that you choose to report, your data will remain secure and confidential and will only be used in statistical totals to help determine the amount of milk produced in Pennsylvania.**

**The results of the survey will be available at <http://www.nass.usda.gov> on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm ET.**

**Thank you in advance for completing the survey!**